

## Fee hike won't keep students out says Johns

By MARILYN ASTLE

University president Dr. Walter H. Johns stated Monday he did not feel increased costs would prevent anyone from going to university.

"I think if a student has the ability and desire to go he can get the kind of support that he needs," said Dr. Johns.

Dr. Johns said the university had done its best to reduce the operating budget.

Cuts in this budget occur at every stage of planning, he said. From an original request for \$50,000,000 the budget was cut by more than \$8,000,000.

\$10,000,000 could have been cut but not without enrolment quotas, Dr. Johns said.

The fee increase will help offset the cost of expanded enrolment by providing the operating budget with another \$1,000,000.

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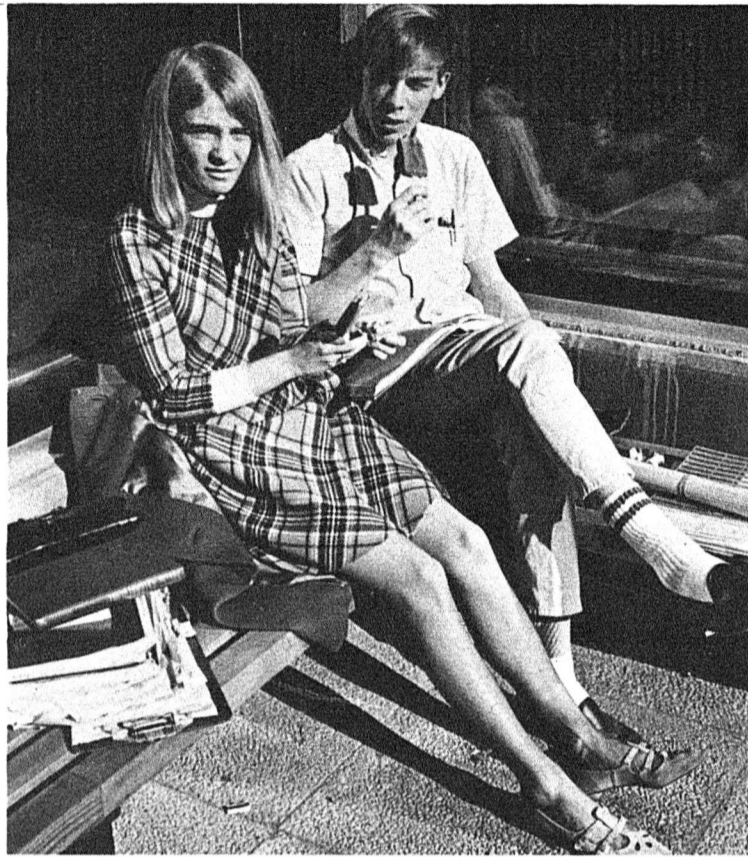
"The fees are not much greater than we feel is reasonable with rising costs," said Dr. Johns.

Salaries are going up with cost of living and with increased competence of faculty, he said.

The enrolment increase of 1,500 this year has further increased costs because of the fact that a student's fees cover only 20 per cent of the cost of his university education, he said.

"The burden on the student, which is far less than at most universities in Canada, is not anything like that carried by the student at this university over the years."

"In 1938 fees were \$128 for arts and \$240 for medicine; and there were not grants, no loans, no outside aid of any kind," he said.



—Ken Voutier photo

**SOAKING IT UP**—The sun that is. These two students were enshrined by the magic camera as they basked in the warm sunshine outside SUB last week. In fact, all the benches outside the building were full. Everyone was just so anxious to get out and do nothing.

## Students worship false idols

OTTAWA (CUP)—Today's college students are worshipping the wrong idol, says the Quebec head of the John Howard Society.

"When I was on campus," Dr. Peter Roper told the Commons committee on justice and legal affairs last Tuesday, "the campus

hero was cleanshaven, masculine and muscular. Today, he is unkempt, feminine and frail. They're worshipping false idols."

He was replying to a question by Milton Klein, MP (L. Cartier) who asked if "swinging" professors were not encouraging students to experiment with marijuana. Roper said it wasn't swinging profs but swinging fellow students.

He said young people idolized the Beatles, who admit to taking LSD. But he predicted more current information being distributed to the public on the dangers of LSD and marijuana is gradually swinging public opinion against the drug.

Roper, a psychiatrist, told the committee it would make more sense to jail the parents of drug offenders than to jail young first-offenders who might have been persuaded into taking LSD. He said a night in jail "would show them we're not playing around."

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## McGill supports basic freedoms

MONTREAL—McGill students voted more than two to one in favor of open industrial recruiting on campus last Wednesday.

More than 4,000 students cast ballots on two questions: the first asking the student council to rescind a previous motion calling for non-discrimination in the use of placement center offices, was defeated 2,960 to 1,426. The second question, calling on the university to ban recruiters from companies engaged in production of materials for use in Vietnam, lost 3,260 to 1,161.

The moral question implicit in the recruiting issue has been debated extensively on campus in recent months.

## Pig's head possibly mischievous

MONCTON, N.B.—The trial of the pig's head may be the first case in New Brunswick ever to be heard in French.

Two University of Moncton students, Jacques Bilise, 21, and Jacques Moreau, 22, both from Quebec, face a charge of public mischief. They allegedly placed a box containing a 10-pound pig's head on the front porch of Moncton mayor Leonard Jones, Feb. 15.

New Brunswick is forty per cent Acadian French.

## Manitoba union formed

WINNIPEG—Three of Manitoba's four post-secondary schools have moved to present a united front on common student problems.

Representatives from St. Boniface College and the universities of Winnipeg and Brandon met here Saturday to set up a Manitoba Association of Students. They plan to co-ordinate their activities on universal accessibility to Education, formation of high school unions, student housing, curriculum reform, and other problems.

## UBC purges Persky

VANCOUVER—Stan Persky, UBC's most articulate radical, failed last week to carry a referendum which would have allowed him to become next year's council president.

Persky won the election Feb. 7, but a student court decided he was not at UBC for the required two years before contesting the position.

A referendum Tuesday to decide whether or not to change the constitution to make Persky eligible received 64.9 per cent support. It needed 66.7 per cent to pass.

A by-election is scheduled for March 13 to fill the post.

## Firing fires demonstrations

TORONTO—Twelve hundred Ontario College of Art students marched on the Ontario legislature last Wednesday, demanding that education minister William Davis reinstate two professors who were fired last week. Earlier in the morning Davis listened sympathetically to a student delegation's complaints about the college's administration and student desire for a voice in hiring and firing policies and curriculum planning. He said he wouldn't make any rash decisions, but accepted an invitation to speak at the college March 1.

Students claimed that Aba Bayefsky and Eric Friefield, drawing and painting instructors, were fired because they actively supported students who charged the college administration with planning to change and water down the fine arts curriculum, and possibly drop it altogether. They claimed that departments of advertising, design, and other commercial courses get preferential treatment.

Work at the college had ground to a halt as students boycotted classes Wednesday for the fifth day. Their term finished on Friday when their projects were due. If their projects were not in by then they would get zero grades. Some professors indicated that they would put project due dates back.

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